picture on Johnny's camera.

Meanwhile the doctor had joined her at the counter. He'd been lurking in the shadows the whole time. At least he looked like a doctor, with heavy horn-rimmed glasses and a blue smock. He looked vaguely Portuguese, very dark hair and full lips.

Would you agree, Johnny asked him.

O, he protested, I couldn't say. Not without an examination.

Couldn't, or wouldn't. Not without 50 bucks!

So Johnny offered him a penny for his thoughts, knowing they'd recently been banned. No joy in heaven, or pennies in Dadania.

But what do you think? He pressed him, but thought wasn't free in Dadania. Or anything else.

Is it mainly around the base of the tail?

Yes!

That's generally a good sign.

Of what? Fleas? His cat's chances?

Is there anything cheaper I could get? What about Harz?

There's a reason people pay more for some treatments than others.

O, yeah?

Ours work!

Harz doesn't work?

Have you tried it?

Yes! It's too soon to tell....

You're lucky your cat didn't throw up, and choke to death on its vomit.

Isn't there something else I could do? That was cheap, he meant.

What would you use? On yourself!

Ah! Now it was out in the open. He wanted him to go off himself. With cyanide, or Harz flea medicine. At least it was cheaper....

He saw where the Doctor was headed, but he was on a PENSION. His meds were free. Clozapine and Lipitor were free, but flea medication cost MONEY.

If he wasn't covered, he probably wouldn't use anything. There wasn't anything anyway, for senility....

Too bad the cat wasn't on a PENSION. Maybe he should get the cat on Welfare, so at least he'd be covered....

The Doctor assured him. He wasn't headed anywhere. Nowhere, in fact. He only meant to suggest Benadryl, for the cat. For Johnny, coconut oil might help. If it wasn't too late.

Thanks. He'd tell Garrison.

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Jah Lo See entered, complaining about Citizen Hearse.

Johnny said Citizen Hearse had been in just yesterday, he asked about her. She was his number one money-maker. He was furious because she wasn't on the corner.